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## **LONGVIEW MAN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSING PIPE BOMBS**

On June 16, 2005 at approximately 12:30 AM, Trooper Frank Black stopped a 1992 Eagle Talon on eastbound SR-4 at East 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue for failing to use a turn signal along with having a broken left-side mirror.

Black contacted the driver Steven J. Montgomery, a 26 year old resident of Cathlamet. Black a Drug Recognition Expert, suspected Montgomery was under the influence of drugs. Black conducted an evaluation on Montgomery and arrested him for DUI-Drugs.

Black had the passenger Joseph J. Montgomery, a 20 year old resident of Longview exit the car. Black did a search of the car incident to the arrest and located a brass pipe with burnt marijuana residue under the front passenger's seat. Joseph Montgomery admitted ownership of the pipe and was placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. Joseph Montgomery advised Black the backpack located in the back seat was his as well. He advised Black the backpack contained a pipe filled with gun powder. Black opened the backpack and located **three** pipe bombs.

WSP Bomb Squad was notified by WSP Communication to respond to dispose of the pipe bombs.

At approximately 3:35 AM, the Bomb Squad arrived and took possession of the pipe bombs. The Bomb Squad determined two of the pipe bombs were active with the third not active. The Bomb Squad transported the pipe bombs to a safe location on Owl Creek at Old 99 and detonated them.

Steven Montgomery was transported to St Johns Hospital where he submitted to a voluntary blood sample. Black took possession of the blood sample to have it analyzed for drugs by the WSP Toxicology Lab. Steven Montgomery was then released to a family member.

Joseph Montgomery was booked in the Cowlitz County Jail for Possession of Improvised Explosive Device (Pipe Bombs), which carries a \$50,000 bail.



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